

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 22-0224
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: President Mosby

Introduced and read first time: April 25, 2022

Assigned to: Rules and Legislative Oversight Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning

2 **Charter Amendment – Sporting Tournament Scholarship Fund**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a continuing, nonlapsing Sporting Tournament Scholarship
4 Fund, to be used exclusively to fund and administer a scholarship program for certain youth
5 and young adults; providing for certain modes of appropriation to the Fund; authorizing the
6 Mayor and City Council, by Ordinance, to provide for the oversight, governance, and
7 administration of the Fund; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City
8 for adoption or rejection.

9 BY proposing to add

10 Article I - General Provisions
11 Section 17
12 Baltimore City Charter
13 (1996 Edition)

14 **SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the
15 City Charter is proposed to be amended to read as follows:

16 **Baltimore City Charter**

17 **Article 1. General Provisions**

18 **§ 17. SPORTING TOURNAMENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND.**

19 (A) *FUND ESTABLISHED; SCOPE.*

20 THERE IS A CONTINUING, NONLAPSING SPORTING TOURNAMENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND, TO
21 BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR PURPOSES OF:

22 (1) PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS TO BALTIMORE CITY YOUTH AND YOUNG
23 ADULTS ATTENDING A POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION, TO BE USE D FOR TUITION
24 AND FEES;

25 (2) ADMINISTERING THE FUND;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 (3) PUBLICIZING THE AVAILABILITY OF SCHOLARSHIPS THROUGH THE FUND; AND

2 (4) HIRING AND RETAINING APPROPRIATE STAFF TO ADMINISTER THE FUND.

3 (B) *ANNUAL APPROPRIATION.*

4 THE FUND SHALL CONSIST OF A MANDATORY ANNUAL APPROPRIATION IN THE ORDINANCE
5 OF ESTIMATES EQUAL TO AT LEAST 3% OF THE TAX REVENUE RECEIVED FROM SPORTING
6 TOURNAMENTS HELD IN BALTIMORE CITY, INCLUDING HOTEL TAX REVENUE, IN THE
7 PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR.

8 (C) *ADDITIONAL REVENUE SOURCES.*

9 IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS
10 SECTION, THE FUND MAY CONSIST OF:

11 (1) GRANTS OR DONATIONS MADE TO THE FUND; AND

12 (2) PROCEEDS FROM FINES, FEES, SURCHARGES, OR OTHER REVENUES DEDICATED TO
13 THE FUND BY ORDINANCE.

14 (D) *CONTINUING NATURE OF FUND.*

15 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS CHARTER, UNSPENT PORTIONS OF THE
16 FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION:

17 (1) REMAIN IN THE FUND, TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THEIR ORDAINED PURPOSES;

18 (2) DO NOT REVERT TO THE GENERAL REVENUES OF THE CITY; AND

19 (3) THEIR APPROPRIATIONS DO NOT LAPSE.

20 (E) *IMPLEMENTATION.*

21 BY ORDINANCE, THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MAY PROVIDE FOR THE OVERSIGHT,
22 GOVERNANCE, AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUND DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION.

23 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this proposed amendment to the City
24 Charter be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of Baltimore City, for adoption or rejection,
25 in accordance with Article XI-A, § 5 of the Maryland Constitution, in the form specified by the
26 City Solicitor.